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1. LINC HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PRODUCE FOOLPROOF NEGATIVE. IT IS LINC'S OPINION HOWEVER THAT NO REPEAT NO NEGATIVE MADE HERE AT THIS STAGE WOULD SURVIVE CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF TRAINED INVESTIGATOR. NO ONE CAN PROVE PRINT NOT ACTUALLY MADE WITH CAMERA LINC PROVIDED BUT VERY EASY DISPROVE NEGATIVE DUE TO INDIVIDUAL CAMERA CHARACTERISTICS. BELIEVE FURTHER THAT IF SUCH NEGATIVE GIVEN NEWSMAN WHOLE STORY MIGHT BLOW UP WITH SERIOUS RESULTS. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED: AS [ ] HAS INFORMED NEWSMEN NEGATIVE NOW IN ODACID HANDS FOR STUDY LAY ON PRIVATE TRANSMISSION BY AMBASSADOR OF NEGATIVE TO WASHINGTON WHERE NEGATIVE WILL BECOME CLASSIFIED AND NO LONGER AVAILABLE. [ ] SHOULD INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO HAVE EXPERTS IN ODACID INVESTIGATE IT FURTHER, AND RELEASE IT TO THEM PERMANENTLY.

2. ALTHOUGH WE CONCUR IN SOME NEED FOR OTHER CONFIRMATION OF WASHTUB WE

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DO NOT BELIEVE SAME STORY SHOULD BE REPEATED EVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRY. HOWEVER FOR YOUR INFO ONLY LINE AS SEQUEL TO WASHTUB PLANS SOON TO EXPOSE CACHE SIMILAR ARMS IN WEBURNT CITY THEN PUBLICIZE TO EFFECT ARMS WERE IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOUND BY [ ] AND BELONGED TO EGYPSIES. MEANWHILE EGYP[ ] WILL STAND FIRM AS ABOVE.

END OF MESSAGE